(ii)	Prospecting and Exploratory mining of uranium by AMD	Rs.170 crore
(iii)	DAE Projects for exploration of uranium from the secondary sources.	Rs.135 crore
	TOTAL:	Rs.677.82 crore

Production :

Sl. No.	Eleventh Plan Projects of UCIL	Govt. allocation (Rs. in crore)
(i)	Uranium ore mining project at Mohuldih, Jharkhand	37.00
(ii)	Uranium ore mining and milling project at Lambapur, Andhra pradesh	213.00
(iii)	Kylleng Pyndengsohiong Mawthabah Uranium mining and milling project in Meghalaya	406.50
(iv)	Uranium ore mining and processing plant at Tummalapalle in Anthra pradesh.	553.00
(v)	Uranium ore mining project at Banduhurang	15.50
(vi)	Enhancement of capacity of Turamdih Mine	20.00
(vii)	Expansion of Jaduguda/Turamdih Mills	20.00
(viii)	Uranium project at Gogi	15.00
	TOTAL:	1280.00

Non plan is not included under Eleventh Five Year Plan Outlay

(c) It is not in public interest to disclose the volume of uranium production in the country.

Cost overruns

*156. SHRI DARA SINGH: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to his Ministry's Report on the status of Central Government, 897 infrastructure projects worth Rs. 3,59,451 crore, surveyed between July and September, 2007 shows that 318 projects are running behind schedule;

(b) whether it is a fact that as on 30th September, 2007 delayed projects witnessed cost overruns of 15.32 per cent, thereby increasing the cost by Rs. 24,670 crore;

(c) if so, the reasons for huge cost overrun of 318 delayed projects, Sector-wise and location-wise; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to reduce/minimise additional burden on exchequer in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI G.K. VASAN): (a) and (b) As on 31st March 2008, 909 Central Government projects with anticipated completion cost of Rs.4,18,567 crores are on the monitor of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Of these 909 projects, 346 projects are running behind schedule. The cost overrun in 346 delayed projects is Rs.24,689 crore which is 13.34% of the approved cost.

(c) Reasons for cost overrun in 346 projects in general are due to delays in implementation, change in scope of projects, interest on borrowed capital during construction, exchange rate variations in projects funded by external loans, high cost of rehabilitation, general price rise, etc. The specific reasons project-wise can be seen in the Quarterly Project Implementation Status Report for the period ending March 2008 placed in the Library of Parliament House.

(d) The steps taken by the Government to reduce the time and cost overruns in projects include:

(i) adoption of two-stage clearance system and stricter appraisal of projects before investment approval;

(ii) taking up projects for implementation only after funds have been fully tied up;

(iii) in-depth review of projects on monthly and quarterly basis by the Government;

(iv) follow up with the State Governments in respect of problems relating to land acquisition, rehabilitation related issues, forest clearances, infrastructure facilities, law and order at project sites, etc.

(v) setting up of an Empowered Committee in the administrative Ministries for review of departmentally executed projects;

(vi) inter-ministerial coordination for resolving unresolved problems;

(vii) setting up of Standing Committees in the Ministries/Departments to fix responsibility for time and cost overruns;

(viii) appointment of nodal officers for each project with continuity of tenure; and

(ix) issue of guidelines on standard bidding documents for adoption.

People above poverty line

†*157. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a person earning more than Rs. 456 per month in the country is being considered living above the poverty line by Government;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.